



# Mud Lake Complex Update

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**Mud Lake Complex**  
Southern Area Red Team  
**Monday, May 25, 2015 9:30 AM**  
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Fire Information Office  
Hours of Operation: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
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Current  
Status

The Mud Lake Complex is comprised of several fires caused by lightning strikes in the Big Cypress National Preserve located in Southwest Florida, near Naples. The fires have burned 35,311 acres of various Preserve habitats which include: dense, coarse grass; pine timber; and cypress domes. Containment is currently 51%. Heat was still present on the north section of the Square Fire yesterday, but the rest of the fire appeared to be cooling down. Crews mopped up around the Ellison Fire, which remained active. There were three new starts yesterday: the Hobo Fire, the Buggy Fire and the Noble Fire. All three fires were suppressed by ground and/or air resources.

Planned  
Events

Wildland firefighter crews will continue to monitor existing containment lines, mop up fire perimeters, improve planned containment lines, and protect camps. There is good access to the Noble Fire for ground suppression. Additionally, crews will continue to patrol, monitor and mop up hot spots using low impact fire suppression tactics to protect threatened and endangered species, such as the Florida panther, Florida bonneted bat and red-cockaded woodpecker.

| Fire      | Estimated acreage as of May 25, 2015 | Start Date |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Ellison   | 23,709                               | May 8      |
| Ellipse   | 215                                  | May 10     |
| Square    | 11,375                               | May 10     |
| Pekel     | 1.5                                  | May 17     |
| 68        | 2.5                                  | May 18     |
| Blue Bird | 0.5                                  | May 21     |
| Sanctuary | 1.5                                  | May 22     |
| Hobo      | 1                                    | May 24     |
| Buggy     | 5                                    | May 24     |
| Noble     | Unavailable as of 0900               | May 24     |

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| Personnel                 | 358   |
| Equipment                 | 6 helicopters (2 large, 3 medium, 1 small), 9 wildland fire engines, 2 fixed-wing aircraft  |
| Cooperators               | National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge, Florida Forest Service, Seminole Tribe of Florida, Florida Highway Patrol, Collier County (Florida) Office of Emergency Management  |
| Restrictions and Closures | <p>A temporary flight restriction (TFR) is in effect.<br/> <a href="http://tfr.faa.gov/save_pages/detail_5_4562.html">http://tfr.faa.gov/save_pages/detail_5_4562.html</a>)</p> <p>Access to lands managed by Big Cypress National Preserve south of Interstate 75, from mile marker 59 to mile marker 75 (Turner River Road), south to Upper Wagon Wheel Road is temporarily restricted as well. The closure also extends to lands administered by Big Cypress National Preserve north of Interstate 75, from mile marker 59 to mile marker 70, north to the Big Cypress Preserve Boundary. These areas will be closed to provide public and firefighter safety in areas of high fire activity. These areas are closed to all recreational use including Off-Road Vehicles (ORV), hiking, and camping. This area includes portions of the Florida National Scenic Trail from mile 12, traveling north to the northern boundary of Big Cypress National Preserve.</p> |
| Fire Weather              | <p>Today will be drier with occasional lightning storms and gusty winds. Relative humidity will reach near 40% in the afternoon. Winds should remain easterly through the weekend and into early next week. Thunderstorm chances gradually diminish early next week. High temperatures are predicted to stay in the low 90s. Humidities are forecasted to decrease into the 30s over the next few days.</p>   |

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